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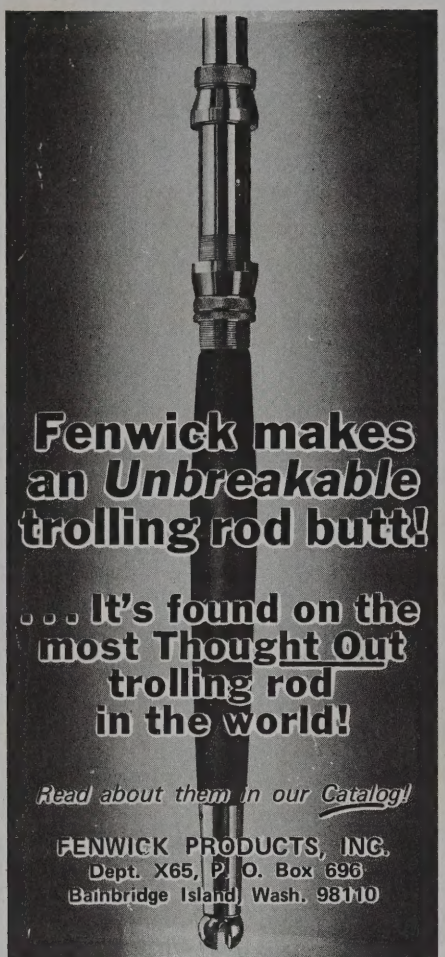
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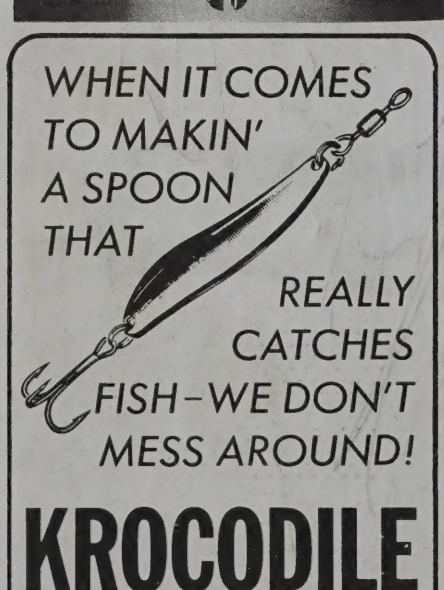
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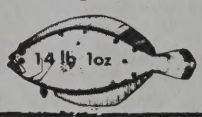
FISH OF THE WEEK

A 14 lb. 1 oz. fluke took top honors in the weekly contest for the 2nd week in May. The big fluke edged out a 10 lb. 14 oz. blackfish and a 3½ lb. flounder (the three largest in their species).

Christine Ortman, of the Bronx, was the lucky angler. She was drifting a strip of squid at Montauk Point when the doormat fluke hit. The fish was officially weighed in at Jack's Bait & Tackle in City Island.

Congratulations, Christine, your $12. prize is on the way. You have now become eligible for the end of the month drawing for May, along with all the other entries, and by winning the weekly contest, you have made yourself eligible for the year end grand prize drawing.



MONTHLY CONTEST

Dick Ryan, of Riverhead, N.Y., poses with his $50.00 cash and his tackle prizes. Dick was a weekly prize winner and also had his name drawn out of the hat for the end of the month prize. He's still eligible to be a winner in the year end grand prize drawing.

CLUB NEWS

Bob Castellani, of the Babylon Tuna Club, called to remind us of the Club's Annual Invitational being held in July. For additional information, call Dick Poucell at 669-0498.

Bill Hall, of Babylon, won the club's first flounder contest with a 2 lb. 6 oz. flounder.

Charlie Fischett, aboard his boat "Three Daughters," landed a 24 lb. 14 oz. pollock. Charlie fished an offshore wreck.

CHUM LINES

Dear Mr. Reina,

My name is Jose Morales. I am subscriber of your Fisherman guide. F two years I and a group of residents ha organized a Youth Fishing Club. O club has been successful in the recru ment of youths between the ages of and 21years.

At the same time we have be successful in getting Police Officers volunteer some of their free time to t youths. We have taken the youths Montauk and to Sheepshead Bay. W have found that fishing is a very relaxi sport, and very effective in drug preve tion.

I am a parent myself, along wi some other adult volunteers, and I ca provide these youths with fishing ro and reels. I have contributed some ro and reels, but the membership seems be enlarging rapidly.

We are at this time sending out S.O.S. We need rod and reels despera ly. The numbers of youths involved this time is twenty three (23), and looks like we may come to sixty (60) seventy (70) youths.

At the present time, we have seve teen (17) rods nad reels that have be donated by different companies. T boat captains have helped us in the pric for the boat fares, but we have had rent rods and reels from the mates.

We would appreciate it very mu if you would publish this S.O.S. in yo next publication, that in this way hopi some of your thousands of readers m wish to help us.

We hope that you would help in this very important task.

Jose Morales
Lower East Side Youth Club
217 Madison Street
New York, N.Y. 10002

Dear Sirs:

Our whole family goes fishing. Th week, at Great Kills in Staten Island, saw two men keep "shorties," stripe way under 16 inches. At Sandy Ho State Park in New Jersey we saw a m keep one. You feel so helpless when happens. I told one of the men and pretended he didn't know, but he d It's a shame that something can't be do

P.S. We caught and released thre

L. Iaconetti, Brooklyn, N.Y.

You did your part. Maybe enough fishermen tell these clow what they are doing wrong, the will get the message.

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Right on the heels of the current weakfish run came a rash of fluke reports. From Point Lookout to Sag Harbor this summer flounder is being caught by anglers fishing for its cousin the winter flounder. These forerunners are big, many weighing over 10 lbs. Our front page shows 12 year old James Kowalski of Malverne holding a 17½ lb. fluke he caught in Noyack Bay. Photo courtesy of the Mill Creek Marina at Sag Harbor.

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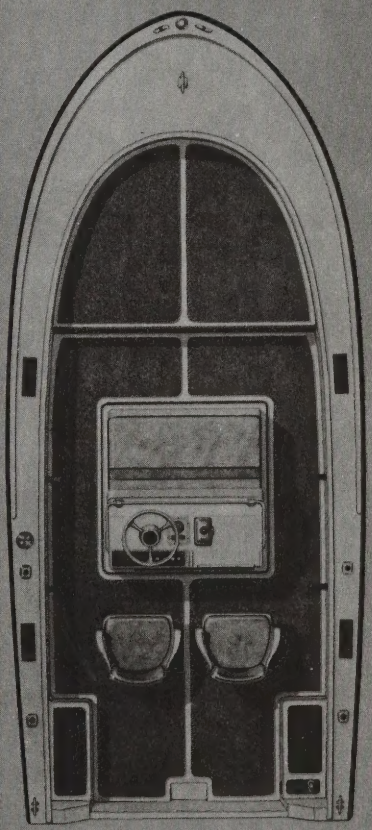

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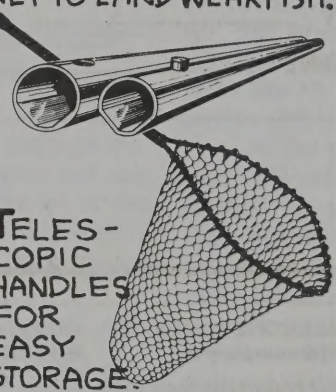
WEAKFISH TIPS & TACKLE

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE HARD HITTING WEAKFISH ARE BACK IN GREAT SOUTH BAY TAKING BAIT AND JIGS. THE POPULAR SPORT FISH ARE MEMBERS OF THE DRUM FAMILY AND OFTEN CALLED SQUETEAGUE AND SEA TROUT. THEY ARE ONLY "*WEAK*" IN THE MOUTH AND RESPOND WELL TO TROLLING, CASTING AND STILL FISHING.

ESPECIALLY HOT HAS BEEN THE FLORESCENT PINK SHRIMP JIG... *AMERICAN SPORTSMEN'S CENTER*, WEST BABYLON.

IT IS BEST TO USE A NET TO LAND WEAKFISH.



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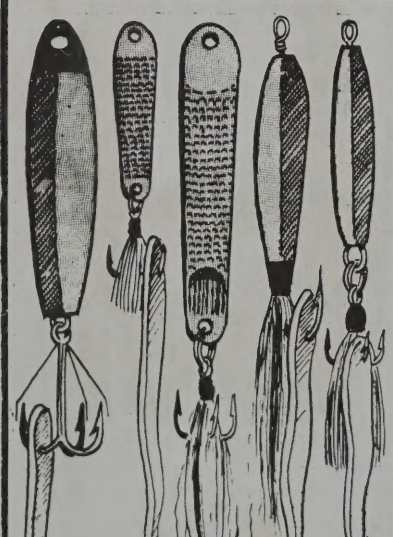
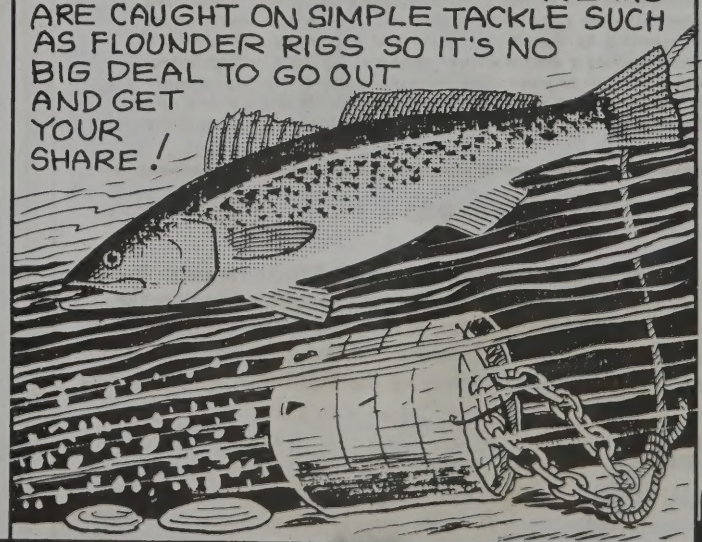
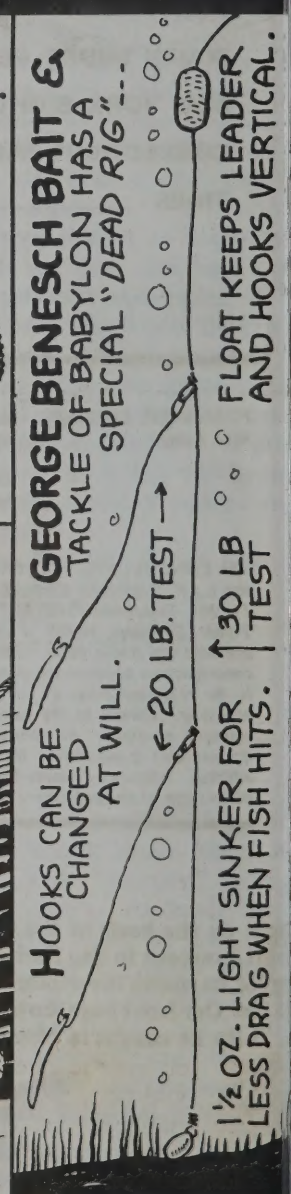


VARIOUS TYPES OF SHINY METAL LURES USED FOR WEAKFISH JIGGING WHICH CAN ALSO BE CAST OR TROLLED. SWEETEN THE JIG WITH BAIT SUCH AS SQUID OR WORMS ADDED TO THE TREBLE OR SINGLE HOOK RED AND WHITE BUCKTAILS.

WEAKS WILL COME INTO THE CHUM SLICK OF A FROZEN CAN OF MOSSBUNKER. MANY BOAT CAPTAINS HAVE THEIR OWN SECRET RECIPES. WEAKS ARE CAUGHT ON SIMPLE TACKLE SUCH AS FLOUNDER RIGS SO IT'S NO BIG DEAL TO GO OUT AND GET YOUR SHARE!



GEORGE BENESCH BAIT & TACKLE OF BABYLON HAS A SPECIAL "*DEAD RIG*"...


HOOKS CAN BE CHANGED AT WILL.
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THE POLLOCK is a fish that is related to the cod, but it hits artificial more readily, fights much harder tastes almost as good as its better-wn relative. Then why don't more ers fish for pollock? Well, I would it's mostly because pollock are less tiful and less available than cod. have shorter seasons when they run fewer areas where they are prevalent. t now, however, pollock are at their spring run and will be around for a t time, so if you want to catch them, re chances are best during May and n into June.

Of course, if you want to catch ock later on, you can always try the er offshore waters over wrecks or oms where pollock are found. Or can go farther north to Massachusetts, e and Nova Scotia where pollock n feed longer and even during the mer months. But in our area, fishing hem is best in the spring and fall.

Although pollock will take skimmer clams or surf clams almost as well as cod, it's a good idea to bring along some squid if you are interested in catching the Boston blues. A strip of squid alone or in combination with a piece of clam on the higher hook works well for these fish. They'll also take small whole fish or pieces of fish on the hook.

Your best chances of catching pollock is to go out on a party boat sailing from one of the ports noted for this fishing. Such as Montauk, where party boats leave to fish off the Point or around Block Island or at Cox's Ledge. Some of these boats also fish the wrecks in deeper water where pollock are plentiful.

This is also the kind of fishing done by the famous Bogan family party boats sailing from Brielle, New Jersey. They know the location of specific wrekcs in deep water off the Jersey coast and catch big pollock and cod on these trips.

You can use your regular codfish outfit for pollock when bottom fishing. Which means almost any fairly stout rod, a 3/0 reel and line testing about 30 pounds. With sinkers up to 10 or 12 ounces you can fish in shallow and moderate depths with such an outfit.

But when you go after pollock in very deep water, and when fishing over wrecks in strong tides and currents, a somewhat heavier, stiffer rod and a 4/0 or 5/0 reel filled with 40 or 60 pound test line is more practical. Here you may have to use sinkers up to 18 or 20 ounces to get down to the bottom.

Pollock can also be caught by "jigging" using diamond jigs instead of bait. In shallow water you can use a lighter, more limber rod, fast retrieve, high gear ratio reel and 25 or 30 lb. test line. And you can use the lighter diamond jigs from 6 to 10 ounces in shallow water where tides aren't too strong.

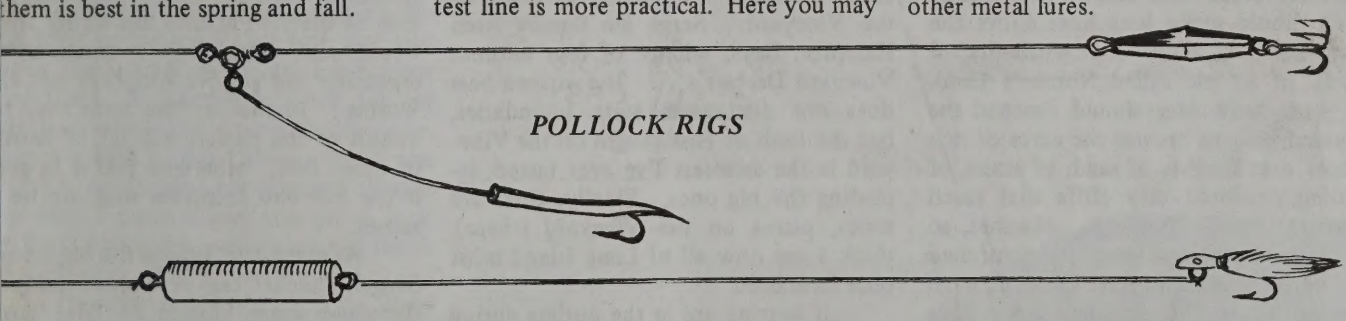
For deeper water the heavier rods, bigger reels and stronger lines and diamond jigs weighing from 10 to 16 ounces may be needed.

Jigging can be done from an anchored or slow drifting boat by lowering the jig to the bottom, reeling in a few feet, then start working the rod up and down. The flashing diamond jig attracts fish and they go for it. Most of the time they grab it with their mouth, but often the jig will foul-hook them in the head or other part of the body.

Another way to use the diamond jig is by letting it out behind an anchored or slow trolling boat in a strong tide. After it reaches bottom you can reel it in slowly.

Many pollock are also caught by trolling, especially from charter boats fishing around Montauk Point and Block Island. Here the same outfit used for striped bass or bluefish trolling with reels filled with wire line and backing is also used for pollock. It's also a good idea to add a trolling weight anywhere from 2 to 8 ounces between the wire line and the leader holding the lure. This will get the lure down deeper, faster, and with less line out and enable you to bounce bottom occasionally to let you know you are down deep enough.

The most effective lure for pollock, when trolling, is a small surgical tube or plastic tube. Umbrella rigs with several tube lures are also used by trollers. But pollock will often hit feather lures, nylon and bucktail jigs and eels, spoons and other metal lures.



POLLOCK RIGS

The two pollock rigs shown here can be used as follows: The top rig consists of a diamond jig on the end of the line and a plastic tube lure tied a couple of feet above it. This rig is used when "jigging" for pollock. The second rig has a light bucktail jig on the end of the line and a wood splasher about 20 or 22 inches above it. This is used for casting for pollock and the rig is worked so that the wood throws a splash which attracts the fish.

More pollock are probably caught ing on the bottom from party boats private boats than any other way. l this is usually done by accident, or at t in conjunction with fishing for cod. course, many more cod are caught n pollock and usually on the same But if you want to catch more pol-, you should tie a special rig with a er hook just above the sinker for cod then tie a higher hook on a longer er about 4 or 5 feet above the first k.

Trolling works best in tidal rips and over reefs where pollock are actively feeding. They are most active when the tide is running fairly strong and usually stop hitting when it slackens.

The same areas also may have flurries of top-water action when the pollock surface to chase whiting, squid or baitfish. Then they can often be seen breaking water or you'll see birds working. At such times casting from a boat can be productive.

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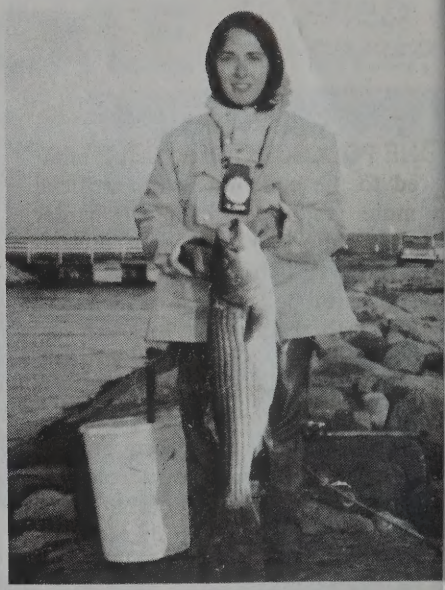
Martha's Vineyard In The Springtime

In many ways this fabulous island off the coast of Massachusetts belongs to us, Long Island fishermen.

By Vince Guaglianone



Martha at Little Bridge, spring, 1970

MICKEY CHIARENZA said it, Issue No. 49, 1971: "Fishermen Know No Boundaries" . . . As a surfman have you ever felt that urge, complete with tingling sensations, to try new beaches of a distant place? Maybe six hours from home?

Such a trip should find a shockingly clean beach; one that reminds you of that ancient childhood image in which a lone surfcaster works the world's last clear and sparling combers through which gamefish break and leap. Wild exotic birds should make long lines above the blue horizon, above the whale-shaped hump of an isle called Noman's Land. At dusk, wild deer should descend the wooded hills to browse the acres of rich moors over heights of sand, of stone, of strikingly-colored clay cliffs that reach down to the rocky coast. Marshes, so many marshes, should seem unencroached by "better things for better living, through chemistry." The wooded green hills should sound with song birds bright and undisturbed by dreary engines. And the brook - "Roaring Brook" it's called - should fall gently down the slope of an incredibly rocky, bouldery shore. Heather, in the springtime, should be like mounds of snow along some of the fragrant shores. And by May, the waters of Sengekontacket and of Menemsha and of all the other great 'salt ponds' should have already received from the sea their customary bright hordes of those particular herring: alewives, after which come lunging at last the greedy and spunky striped bass.

If only for striped bass, Martha's Vineyard in the springtime is worth your first exploratory try, on a week's vacation at least. In the spring there must be more bass around this beauteous island than there are people on it. But that, especially if the alewives are running seaward at the time at the time of your arrival.

In many ways this fabulous island off the coast of Massachusetts belongs to us, Long Island fishermen. I've met Long Islanders that settled here for the lower taxes; and for the fishing; and just because it is so beautiful . . . One Long Islander, whom I've mentioned several times before, is a legendary surfman on the Vineyard: Serge De Somov from Hampton Bays, winner of four autumn Vineyard Derbies . . . The striped bass does not distinguish state boundaries, but the flesh of bass caught on the Vineyard is the sweetest I've ever tasted, including the big ones. Finally, there are times, places on the Vineyard where I think I see how all of Long Island must once have been.

If herring are in the outlets during your stay, plugging bass on the Vineyard is easier than on Long Island in May. Schoolies and teen-fish abound by the middle of May. But bait takes most of the bigger fish through May, and the best bait is the live herring. Much of this alewife-dunking is by the mouth of a tidal creek that runs between Squibnocket Pond and Menemsha Pond: a big bay, where boatmen also dunk herring. You would cast your herring into Menemsha Pond where the creek runs into it.

Menemsha's jetty-lined outflow is also good but the tidal current is very strong here and only slack or brim water is advisable. At this outlet I and especially my wife, Martha, (it's her island) have caught also school-bass on Rebels in the spring, at night, the hour near slack or the tide's top.

In May some of the islanders flo worms or live-line eels from the litt jetties by the bridges at night. The are small bridges, and in front of the are jetty-lined outlets. The jetties a easy to fish, except when crowded (it seldom crowded druing my trips in Ma since 1968). These rapid outlets are be fished on the low ebb with small swir mers, Rebel-types and Atoms; or sm Kastmasters (in the day) and even Fjo spoons in daylight. (And from what I' seen of the Tri-Fin lures this spring, the would also work well in such wate especially the smaller Whiptails and E Worms.) In the day the terns over t mouth of the outlets will tell of herri or other bait; otherwise you're in go if the low ebb coincides with sunrise sunset.

At night, late, behind the Big Brid Sengekontacket can be worked along flat-water shore. Listen for bass 'bus on the incoming water. Wade out to t narrow drop-off and cast light swimm including the Eelet. Alou bait tails a again the Tri-Fins would be great ri beside the bridge, if no one is fishing at the bridge . . . Nantucket Sound, front of the bridges is best on the ebb a with the wind against you: the wi against the ebb or at least from your ri as you face the Sound.

Eel Pond, outside of Edgartown also good at high tides in the spring.

When you're on the jetties in M and squid are hitting your lures - you be sure that bass are not around. Of the squid suddenly stop, and soon t the rod bends to a bass which, irrespect of size, can fight well in the fierce ripp

outflow of the Little Bridge especially. Martha's striper in the photo was 13 lbs. nd took the floater Rebel . . . We have aken fish in the spring also at another ridge right outside of Vineyard Haven. But this one wants the quiet of 2 - or 3 AM with the ebb of Lagoon Pond. You vill see the parked beach-buggies at night n the further side (from the town) of his bridge where, one night, I watched fly-rodder do it all.

If you drive 4-wheel, and you learn hat any of the other big bays have open- d along the beautiful South Beach, then et to the openings. The herring-hordes reviously trapped in these ponds are ow running seaward and stripers will fin ight up to these temporary channels of he ponds. You might need more than a -foot rod now for high surf and big bass vith big Atoms and the largest Kast- nasters. But the buggy is a must to each this beach.

In early June, big bass on plugs and netal are more common at the bridges: ay or night; flood or ebb tides! Sudden- y, after June's first ten days or so, enerally it quiets at the bridges and it's ouch and go again; and certain islanders re floating worms again. But blues can ace in along Nantucket Sound's shore nd all around Chappaquiddic Isle. For lues Chappy is a select place unto itself. ut for most of Chappy's East Beach (not ll of it), you need the 4-wheel drive.

You can lose a lot of weight walk- ng the exquisite Gay Head coves search- ng for bass in that kelpy surf, and also ong that rocky northwest coast from lenemsha to Lambert's Cove (all of hich no vehicle could possibly negotiate, xcept a tank). But I always felt it was orth it, even when I got skunked. You'll e what I mean if ever you get to look these two most beautiful coasts (both f them peak really in the autumn).

Your best bet if you're on the Vine- ard in the spring is to learn the bridges nd Menemsha. Go casually during your rst trip; fish the bridges mostly at night, awn, and late afternoon into dusk. The st of the day is for exploring the island vith roads and binoculars along, of ourse).

There's more of Martha's Vineyard the fall. The fishing is different then; e hot spots are different; and some tumns the fishing is tougher than in spring. Recently, I heard that there ght be a Vineyard Derby for the first he in the spring, this June. You may sh to write to a Vineyarder for more ormation, a most gracious host to "the st fishermen in the world" (you) who it the island: Ben Morton, Chamber Commerce, Vineyard Haven, Mass . . .

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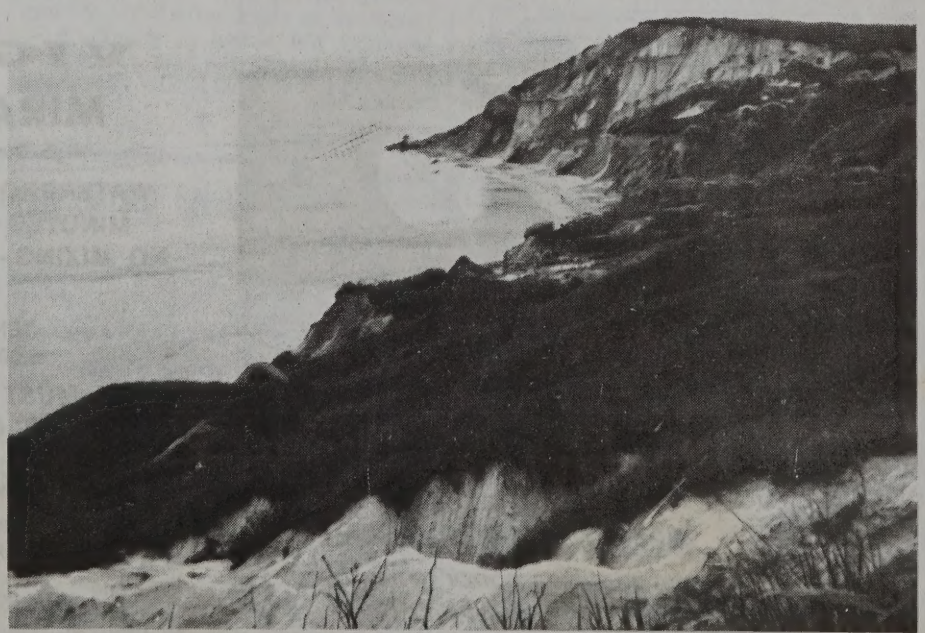

The Gay Head Coves - (Cuttyhunk is one of the Elizabeth Islands in the distance.)

Tarpon At The Bridges

—Al Reinfelder—

WE ARE STAYING at Bud 'n' Mary's, Jack Kertz's marina-motel complex on Upper Matecumbe Key (Islamorado). Running south along Rte. 1 from Jack's place, you can hit twenty or thirty miles of bridges before you reach Key West. At times all of these spans host tarpon and snook. Some feature permit as well. At night, particularly when the moon is high and full, the biggest tarpon line up in classic fashion in the bridge shadows.

We have a big moon right now, even though it is periodically obscured by heavy clouds being pushed in with the unusually strong East winds we've been suffering for five days. Flats fishing - always difficult - is now impossible due to the poor visibility. So we have turned to the nighttime bridges for our sport. And the same tarpon we found so shy and sensitive in the back country are bold and voracious in the night currents.

By coincidence, Peter the Hungry is here - camped out at the Long Key State Park with his brother Steve and two friends.

Before Glenn Voparil and I decided to hit the bridges ourselves, we had the word from Peter that snook were thick on Long Key Viaduct Bridge. However, our interest, as Peter's, was big tarpon. This called for a visit at the southern headquarters of Don Miller and friends - Edgewater Motel at the southern end of Long Key.

"Don's Corner," Miller's 22-foot Mako, rested easily at the Edgewater dock. Inside the motel Don, Puff, Chet, and Peter were busy at the gum-beating business when we arrived (wife Tommy and sons Johnny and Jesse in tow). Now even greater heights of story telling were reached as Don and Puff re-lived the rapid decline of their plug supply. As enjoyable as this was, we realized that not much usable information was forthcoming, and we left to try the various spans between Long Key and Upper Matecumbe.

The first bridge, channel 5, looked too long for a family affair, so we stopped at channel 2. Here Peter the Hungry joined the group while 7 year old Johnny decided to sleep it out in the car.

At first nothing showed. Then a fish cracked under one of the arches. Peter dropped a two ounce grey bait tail across from the hole, and slipped it into the darkness below the bridge. Peter's rod jerked skyward when the fish struck. But the lure followed, having been hit but not taken.

Then another fish broke - but much further out. Suddenly the fish were in all over. Pete nailed one right away - solid. I dropped two in a row, and ran to the car to give Tommy a chance at t fish. (She had returned to check sleeping Johnny.)

When we got back to channel 2 was wild. Pete had just landed his fis a ten pound snook, and more snook w busting along the bridge and out int ship channel, then ran off to the north.

The first fish I hooked leaped wi ly and rattled his gills. It was a barracu of about 20 pounds, but I did not la him. He threw the bait tail after chew it up pretty bad.

A half-hour, and a couple of lan snook later, it quieted down as quic as it had started. We left for home, a Pete went south to his camp.

On the way back we stopped Indian Key Bridge, where a strong l attracts a variety of species. On t night, in addition to the usual mullet a fluke (flounder down here) we sav procession of small tarpon (15-25 poun Because they lay directly in the light could practically count their scales.

Tarpon are very beautiful. In water they appear to be ghostly-g across the back, and their mercury- sides flash brightly only when they to take a bait. Their dorsal fins are and sensual as they waft in the t breeze. We spent about five minutes looking down before casting.

A medium fish rolled on the tail as soon as it swung into the light. jumped twice and threw the hook. other fish slowly evaporated.

The next morning we met Pe who was very worked up about a "h dred pounder" he'd played at chann

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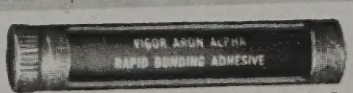

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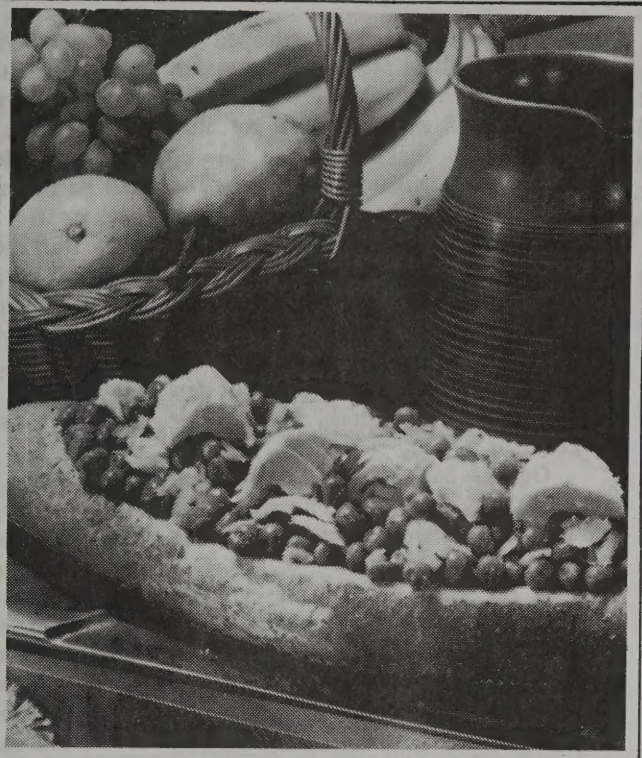

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WEAKFISH SALAD EN CROUTE

Two 1-lb. loaves French bread
one 4-5 lb. weakfish, poached, cooled, and flaked into large chunks
one 1-lb. can baby green peas
½ cup minced onion
½ cup shredded carrots
1 teaspoon dried leaf basil
one 8-oz. can tomato sauce
½ teaspoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons olive oil

1. With a sharp knife, slice the tops off the loaves of French bread. Hollow out the centers, leaving about ½ inch of crust. Place bread under the broiler and toast until golden brown.

2. In a medium bowl, combine the fish, peas, onions, carrots, basil, tomato sauce, lemon juice, and olive oil. Mix well. Chill.

3. Turn weakfish mixture into bread crust and serve immediately by slicing into halves or thirds with a sharp knife. Ideal for paper-plate patio suppers, or prepare it dockside in your own galley.

How To Poach The Weakfish

The objective in poaching is to keep the fish intact, while cooking it thoroughly. Pour one can of chicken broth, one can of water, and ½ cup white wine into a large kettle, and bring it to a boil. Reduce the heat, add the fish carefully, and allow it to bubble gently, covered, for 15 or 20 minutes. The fish should be barely covered with the liquid, and it will break apart if cooked too fast. Save the broth for a good soup base, and cool the fish until it's easy to handle, just a few minutes in the refrigerator. The white chunks of weakfish fall easily from the bone — there is very little waste.

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TARPON AT THE BRIDGES
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for twenty minutes before losing it. That night, Glenn, Peter, Jesse and I decided to work the long channel 5 span. It was to be a wild night.

To begin with, nothing but giant tarpon were at the bridge that night. During the four hours we were there, we jumped thirty fish. Not one was under a hundred pounds. It was unbelievable.

All we had to do was tow a two ounce bait tail (grey or blue) along the back (down tide) side of the bridge and a black log would arc up to tap-tap our lure. If you managed to set the hook at all, this absolutely monstrous slab of wild energy would start jumping and running from one end of the bridge to the other.

Some fish would rip off a couple hundred feet of mono, only to jump and snap the bait tail back at the bridge. Others rolled on the line and parted it instantly. Some simply swam through the bridge openings, rubbed the line on the concrete, and left us with shreds of line dangling from our rod tips.

Jesse hooked a fish which looked as if it weighed twice as much as he did, and he had all he could do to stay on the bridge when the silver king leaped out toward the Gulf of Mexico. Fortunately the tarpon released Jesse before too long.

All in all we never even got close to landing a fish that night.

The second night was different. The big fish were all on the front of the bridge (uptide side). Here there was no hope at all of landing a fish. As soon as the huge tarpon tired of the fight, they'd turn into the concrete arches and cut you off. Nevertheless Don Miller, Puff and Chet persisted in feeding their precious few remaining big Atom plugs to the silver gargantuans.

On the back Glenn and I labored futily until the tide began to slack. We jumped one or two, lost them, and then it quieted again.

A big swirl beyond the catwalks attracted my attention. I walked cautiously over, dropped a bait tail into the water ans strolled quickly along over the fishes lie, giving it short quick jigs. Tap-tap, the fish took it. I ran ahead and yanked the rod up as hard as I could. The fish jumped high and clear. Reeling up as tight as possible I yanked five times. The fish leaped again, ran, leaped, leaped, and ran some more. For fifteen minutes it was impossible to tell who was under control by whom.

The fish tired slowly. But at or point he mustered his strength, ran direc ly under the bridge and jumped high c the other side. I'd have lost him for su had he not decided on his own to com back.

But then I pressured him as ha as the thirty pound mono would allo The next two times he ran for an arc I was able to turn him around.

Slowly, I worked him along towa the low part of the catwalk where Gler and I had decided to "land" and relea our fish.

He ran, I pumped, he moved awa in slow circles. Once, I actually was ab to grab the hundred pound leader (it w four feet long), but he tore away agai slicing my hand with the knot.

Then, at last, the estimated 70 l fish became weak. I grabbed the lead once again, pulled the fish's head out water. Glenn reached down with h cutters and snipped the leader.

The broad silver fish righted itse at once and melted into the blackness the night tide.

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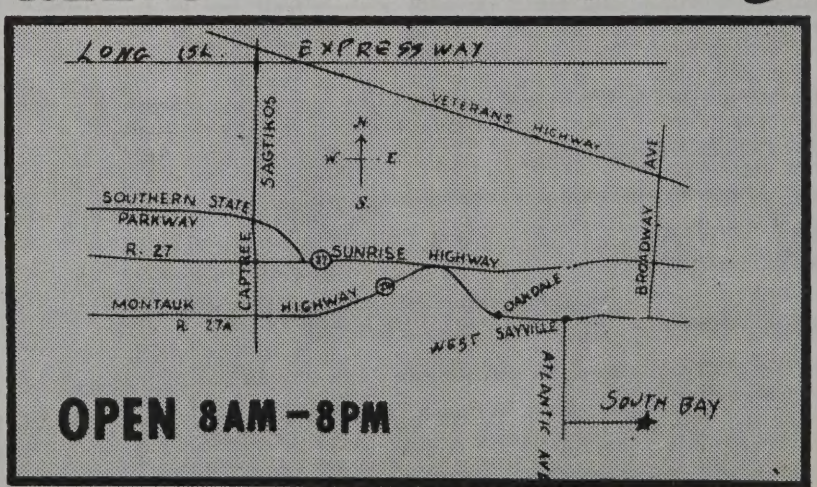

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Hudson River Report

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VERPLANCK

Ace & Charlie's Tackle Shop reported that striped bass, up to 10 lbs. are being caught at Roa Hook, Peekskill, the oyster beds off Georges Island and Oskawana Beach. Bob Vargo had seven fish at Oskawana Beach. The largest bass tipped the scales at 5 lbs. and fell for a worm bait. Most of the action is very close to shore among the rocks.

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CROTON ON HUDSON

Croton Bait & Tackle reported good fishing up until Sunday, then it fell off due to high winds. Stripers, up to 14 lbs., are being caught at Senesqua Beach on worms and bucktails. White, pink and yellow bucktails seem to be what the bass prefer. Vinnie Grippo had 21 bass up to 9 lbs. using Rebels, MeeMees and bucktails.

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OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle reported good to excellent fishing around Scarborough. Stripers from 6 to 9 lbs. are falling for worm baits. Sam Cathey caught a 12 pounder casting worms from shore. Boatmen use yellow or white bucktails and they are doing very well on these bass.

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FORT LEE

Al & Jerry's Tackle Shop reported loads of short stripers around the Piermount Pier. Tommy cod, white perch and catfish are abundant also. Bloodworms are the best all around bait.

North Shore Reports

CITY ISLAND

Jack Rumpf of Jack's Bait & Tackle reported that a 10½ lb. blackfish was caught by Anthony Aguis, of New York City. Anthony's catch consisted of 15 other blackfish which were caught by Execution Light. Other blackfish action can be located by the old CBS tower and at Hart's Island. Presently, fiddler crabs are working best. Mackerel fishing is just excellent off of Oyster Bay, as boats caught plenty of mackerel there last weekend. Bass fishing has taken hold at Turtle Cove for casting. Trolling for bass off the CBS tower, Hart's Island and Sand's Point is good and steady. School sized bass and shorts are being caught in this area. Please note that bass under 16" should be thrown back.

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BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that mackerel fishing is just great and action is located just 400 yds. from the beach. Anglers are trolling with a mackerel tree rig and they are catching all the mackerel they want. Blackfish are in at the Centre Island Reef, Cold Spring Harbor Lighthouse and at Oak Pt. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are being caught on fiddler crabs. Bass fishing has improved at the Centre Island Reef, Oak Point and towards Matinecock Point. This fishing has been good and steady, as bass up to 7 lbs. are being caught. There are shorts mixed in and they should be thrown back.

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POLLACK *Continued From Page 5*

A light or medium weight two handed spinning rod or conventional surf rod can be used to cast metal squids, heavy spoons, or jigs or surface and underwater plugs.

Pollock also move in close to shore at times in some areas and then surf anglers or jetty or breakwater fishermen have a crack at them. This fishing is usually best around daybreak or toward evening. Then they will often hit the same lures used for striped bass or bluefish such as metal squid, heavy spoons, jigs and plugs. But this fishing is usually undependable and of short duration in our waters. Farther north, in Maine and Nova Scotia, pollock do more feeding close to shore, for longer periods of time and during a longer season.

In other words, if you want to catch pollock you should go out and get them NOW or in the near future. Once they leave inshore waters, you'll have to go out to deep water to catch them.

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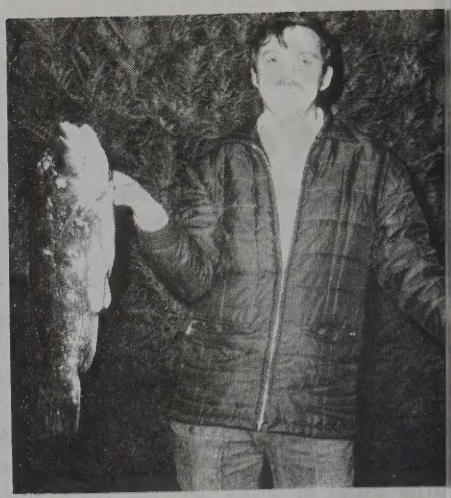
Walt and Jim Berndt, of New Jersey, with 12 weakfish up to 6 lbs. 1 oz. Squid strips were used for bait.



Joe Bobrowski holds a 10 lb. blackfis which he caught in Wading River. Th blackfish fell for a worm.

North Shore Reports

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported that porgies up to 2½ lbs. are now located off of the lighthouse in deep water, and blackfish are plentiful at Whitewood Point. Mackerel fishing continues to be excellent just outside of the Cold Spring Harbor Inlet on the Sound. Stripers are starting to cooperate at Whitewood Point by Marshall Field Basin. So far a 14½ lb. bass has beent he largest bass taken along this area. Bass action has been good, however, there are plenty of shorts mixed in. Most of the present bass action has been on worm baits. The flounder fishing is still holding strong.

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MANHASSET

Joe Moculeski, of Queens, called and told us of some excellent blackfishing at Barker Point and light tower. John fished these waters on Saturday and caught 16 blackfish up to 4½ lbs. John used skimmer clams and he picked up small striped bass and flounders in addition to the blackfish.

NORTHPORT

Ken Schneider of the Chainlocker Bait & Tackle reported that blackfish are now located off of Asharoken. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are being caught there. Stripers from 2 to 3 pounds are now active along the Northport Bay and harbor areas. Action has been good and steady, however, there are plenty of shorts being caught and they should be thrown back. Weakfishing has started along bay are but presently, they are of a small variety. Flounder fishing is still goo along Duck Island. This fishing is stea and flounders of good size are bei caught.

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SMITHTOWN

George of Beacon on the Sound report that it's simply murder, as plenty of ma kerel up to 2 lbs. are being caught off the Nissequogue Buoy. Blackfishing h developed into good fishing at the Bri Yar towards Callahan. Flounder fishin remains good by Sunken Meadow, t Mansion and the Brick Yard. Flounde up to 2 lbs. are being caught in the areas. Striper fishing has started as sho are being caught along with the macker Anglers are producing a few keepers fro time to time.

Lure maker, Mickey Chiarenza, report loads of school sized stripers can found off Long Beach. The bass a close to shore during the early morni and evenings. Boat trollers account f most of these fish. White Tri-Fin Wh Tails are deadly on these fish, said Micke The mackerel are thick one mile offsho Diamond jigs and milti-colored tubes a best on these fish.

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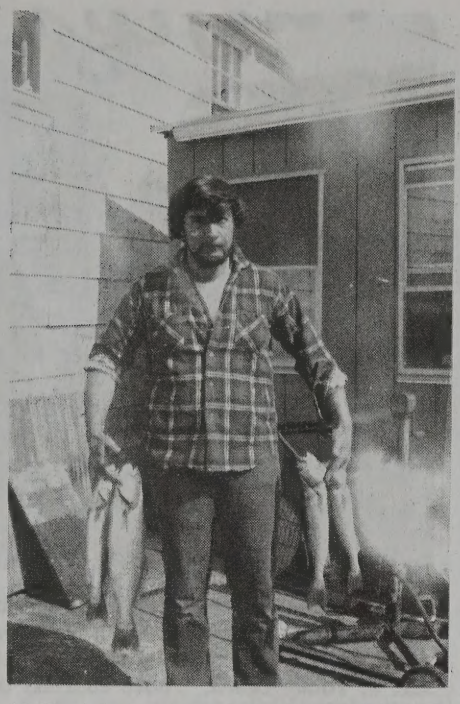
PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. Bill Littlefield, skipper of the "J III," reported that fishing in general excellent all over the Sound. "On Sat day, we had the Lutheran Men's Cl aboard and had a steady pick of fish day. Flounder fishing remains excelle

am Ottaiano, of Islip, with a 64 lb. cod aught at Montauk. Photo courtesy of he Viking Fleet.



Al Daniels holds some of the weakfish he caught in Sag Harbor.

North Shore Reports

ackfish are around in numbers and they e of good size. There was a close race r the pool money on Saturday between ree blackfish. The winner was a 7¼ lb. ackfish. There were 10 blacks in the and 6 lb. range and the rest averaged it at about 3 lbs. We ended the day ith a shot at the mackerel and we caught enty of them too."

arlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing ation reported that flounder fishing re-ains good just inside the harbor. Mac-rel fishing at Buoy 11 is just excellent. ackfishing at Old Field Point and at ck jetties has developed into good fish-g. Blackfish up to 7½ lbs. have been ught on fiddler and clam baits. Striper hing off of Port Jefferson has been od. The largest fish of the season so was caught by Ozzie Ozolins, Jr., of rt Jefferson. The fish weighed in at lbs. It should be noted that mostly orts are being caught and they should thrown back. Weakfish are starting to ake their presence known.

pt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty ," reported good fishing on Friday and turday. On Friday, a 10 lb. striped ss, caught by John Barry, a New York ansit Authority detective, won the ol. On Saturday, Capt. Fischer had e Anglers Anonymous Fishing Club of the Bronx aboard. Blackfish, flounder, striped bass and mackerel made an exciting fishing day for this club. Club member, Steve Walker caught a 9 lb. blackfish off Rocky Point and he walked away with the pool money.

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MOUNT SINAI

Ralph Davenport of Ralph's Fishing Station reported that blackfish, mackerel and some flounders are the main fish being caught along this area. Mackerel are located all over the area; blackfish at Millers Place and Rocky Point. Flounders are being caught along with the blackfish. Small bass are beginning to show along beach areas.

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MILLER PLACE

Dick's Sporting Goods reported that the blackfishing is excellent at the rocky areas along the beaches. Sandworm baits are best in the bait department. There are plenty of small striped bass around, mostly shorts. 12 year old Danny Haskell, of Miller Place, weighed in a 6 lb. striper at Dick's store. Danny fished Miller Place Beach using a bucktail. Mackerel are all over the Sound. The flounder fishing remains good and sizewise, they are pretty big, running 2 to 2½ lbs. Dick weighed in his first weakfish of the year.

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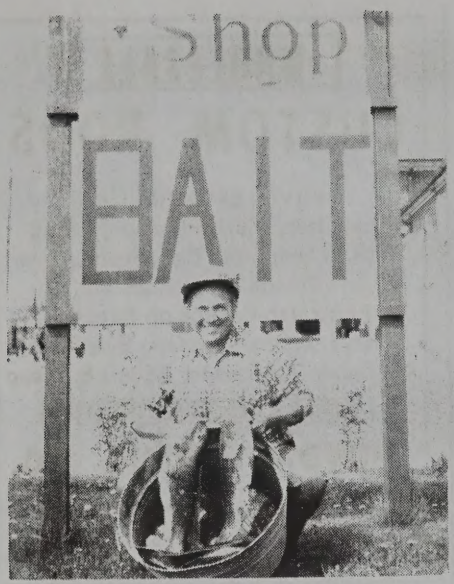
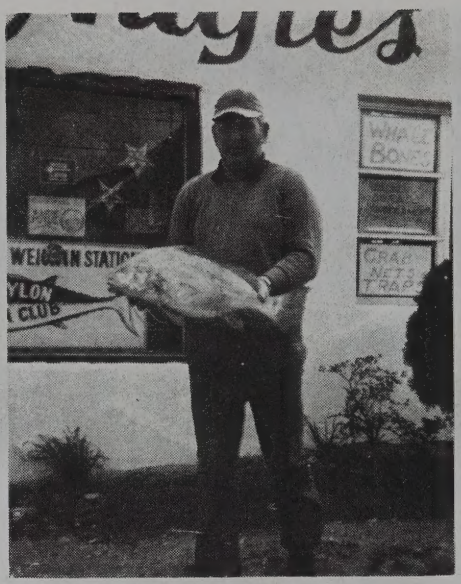
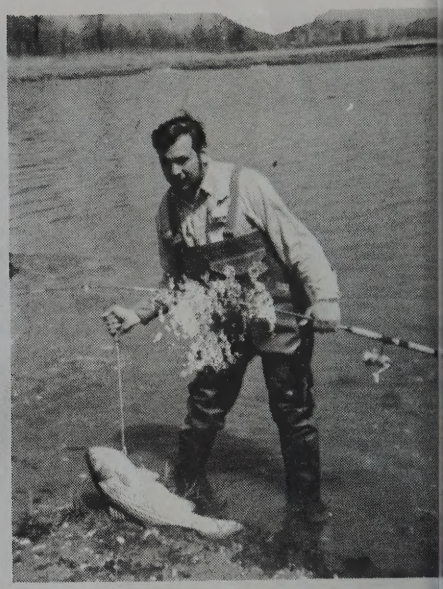


Frank Rovery, of Seaford, with some of the 23 blackfish caught at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Photo courtesy of Kwak's Tackle Shop in Bellmore.



George Wade, of Deer Park, holding an 11 lb. Drum, an unusual catch for these parts. George used bloodworms in the surf at Tobay Beach. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.



Angelo Santiago, of the Bronx, caugl this 12½ lb. striper in Turtle Cove at Ci Island.

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NEW SUFFOLK

Jim DeVito reports that weakfishing is good between Jessups Neck and Roses Grove. Jim was fishing aboard his boat, Beep-Beep, and caught over 130 weakfish up to 6 lbs. 10 ozs. Most of the fish were in the 2 to 4 lb. weight range. Many of the boats in that area were picking up small weakfish because they weren't cutting their squid strips long enough. Small striper bass are numberous along the creeks. Most are shorts, but an occasional keeper takes the worm or bucktail lure. Mackerel fishing is excellent all over the bay. Porgies have started but they are still spotty off of Robins Island.

Sal Loria of Captain Marty's Fishing Station reported that both weakfish and sea porgies are mixed off of the Middlegrounds of Peconic Bay, Roses Grove and the South Race. Weakfish from 2 to 7 lbs. and porgies from 1 to 3½ lbs. are being caught. Action has been good and is expected to remain good. Mackerel are located most everywhere. Blackfishing at Nassau Point and Robbins Island at the South Race is good. Action there is producing blackfish up to 9 lbs., with most any bait doing the trick.

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SOUTHOLD-ORIENT POINT

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that weakfishing at the Beixedon and Buoy 17 of Jessups Neck is very good. Weakfish up to 7 lbs. are being caught on squid baits. Anglers are catching as many weakfish as they want. Porgy fishing is starting to improve. Porgies up to 3½ lbs. are being caught at the Middleground. Action there is steady all day. Mackerel fishing is holding strong and these fish can be located most anywhere. Blackfish are presently located west of Jessups Neck and the Brick Yard. Blackfish up to 5 lbs. are being caught there on crab and clam baits. The flounder fishing is still good at Smith's Cove and Long Beach. Flounders up to 2½ lbs. are being caught. Long Beach is your best bet for catching jumbo flounders. Striper fishing is still slow for this area. Again, mostly shorts are being caught.

South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

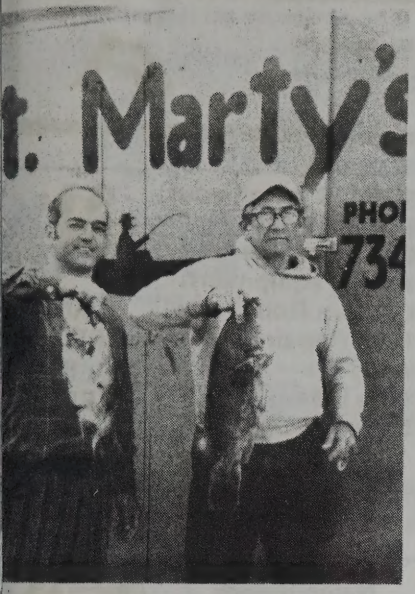
Capt. Les Behan, skipper of the "Peconic Queen," reported good fishing at Coxes Ledge most days. This past weekend was fair at the Ledge. The pool winning cod weighed in at 41 lbs. and was caught by Lewis Dunan of Brooklyn. Mr. Dunan has 15 other good sized fish.

Captain Paul Forsberg, skipper of t "Viking Star," reported that earlier the week they fished a virgin wreck a caught over 6 tons of cod, pollock a hake in only four hours fishing tin The biggest fish landed was a 64 lb. c caught by Sam Ottaiano of Islip, N After that fishing trip, the rest of t week was anti-climatic. The weeke fishing was good and plenty of big f were caught. A large hake of 44 l was caught over the weekend.

SAG HARBOR

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Mari reported that they have some big wea fish out there. Russ and Richard Brow along with Macel Guilloume, caught weakfish up to 5 lbs. These anglers w drifting squid and worms off of Lo Beach. In addition to the weaks, th caught mackerel and large flounde Dante Melis and Eddie Meatch, memb of Jimmy Flynn's Sportsmen Club, Hempstead, caught 20 weakfish up 6¼ lbs. at the Monestary using squ baits.

Capt. Clark Bellows is sailing his "Ca Clark II" from Sag Harbor to Gardin Island for the big flounders. He ha good showing over the weekend both Gardiners and at Cedar Point. C Clark also said the blackfishing is gett better with each trip.



Baskinger and Eddie Nenachick, of
v Jersey, with 2 blackfish they caught
ıg with 100 flounders and mackerel
New Suffolk. Photo courtesy of Capt.
ty's Fishing Station.

Robert Perez, of the Bronx, with his 61 lb. 4 oz. cod caught at Coxes Ledge. Photo courtesy of the "Peconic Queen" open boat.

South Shore Reports

"Capt. Clark," skippered by Capt.
k Bellows, Jr., is splitting the day
veen Shinnecock Bay and the Peconics
flounders are providing the action
hinnecock, and in the afternoon, it's
cfish and a few porgies in the Peconics.
veen 75 to 100 weaks were brought
ırd over the weekend.

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CAPTREE

open boat "Ben Litwin" reported
of flounders in the waters off the
Thumb Jetty. Many of these fish
n the 2 lb. class. Ron Fergosi, of
dale, caught a 17 inch fluke on a
ıder rig. Capt. Ben Litwin said there
large variety of fish right now and
ıg is excellent just about everywhere.

. George Tweedy, skipper of the
t. Scotty," reported excellent mac-
fishing just south of the Fire Island
. This fishing is fast and anglers can
p a sackful in just a couple of hours.
e of the mackerel are up to 3 lbs. in
ıt. Most are 1 to 1½ lbs. average.
. Frank Swanson, skipper of the
ıco," reported that flounder fishing
ins good. Frank Wendling, of Queens
ge, caught a 12 lb. 2 oz. fluke on a flounder rig. The fluke was caught on the east side of the Sore Thumb Jetty.

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SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station reported that the flounder fishing is excellent and those green eyed monsters, the blowfish, have arrived. Ed Rydowski and friends caught 34 flounders and 2 blowfish at the 2nd bridge. Sal Rabinowitz fished in the same area and caught 2 weakfish, a ½ bushel of keeper sized flounders and 2 blowfish.

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WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle called in to report that there are lots of school sized bass being taken in the bay around the areas of the bridges. The 3rd bridge is most productive. A member of the Squaw Island Fishing Club (Frank forgot to get his name), came in with a nice catch of weakfish up to 5 lbs. 14 ozs. The weaks were caught on sandworms drifted in the tips of the 2nd bridge. Young Michael Amaral came in with his first catch of blackfish. The blacks, up to 3½ lbs., were caught at the Sor Thumb on clam baits. Flounders fishing remains very good throughout the bay.

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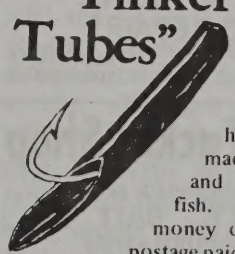
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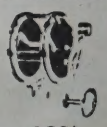

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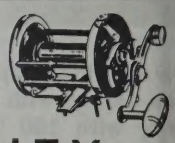

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South Shore Reports

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported mackerel, mackerel and more mackerel. "We sail southwest of Jones Inlet to the Whistle Buoy and we are into 5 and 6 hours of solid mackerel fishing. Diamond jigs and multi-colored tubes are all the angler needs in the way of bait."

Sy Karlin of the Woodcleft Fleet reports that the mackerel fishing is excellent from the inlet to 5 miles off the beach. The open and charter boats are returning early because anglers catch more fish than they really can use. Flounder fishing is good at the Short Beach Coast Guard Station and Swift Creek. Sy said he lost a couple of rigs while mackerel fishing. Could it be bluefish?

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POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Henry Thorschmidt, skipper of the "Blue Albatross," reported that on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, mackerel were caught by the ton. The average size of these tiny torpedoes is about 1½ lbs. "We travel about a ½ mile south of the inlet and we are into fish for the rest of the day. Diamond jigs and multi-colored tubes are catching three and four fish at a time. The Blue Albatross will start sailing at 7 A.M. starting this week."

Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Anlger II," reports mackerel by the sackful are being caught just 15 minutes from the docks. The mackerel fishing can only be termed 'excellent.' Anglers can catch as many as they can carry off the boat. The Angler II will start sailing for tile fish starting May 26, 27 and 31. These trips are by reservation only.

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported that they got their first fluke of the season. "One of our customers caught three of these summer flounders in Reynolds Channel at Buoy 18. Weakfish can be found at the Coast Guard Station and at Swift Creek. The flounder fishing remains excellent at Swift Creek and around the Coast Guard Station. Blackfishing is picking up at the T Wreck and at Meadowbrook Bridge."

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Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported that mackerel are still abundant off of Rockaway Beach areas. Buoy 4 is still your best bet for locating action. Tom Smith, of Rockville Centre, and Bill Budwig, of Lynbrook, were the mackerel champs of Buoy 4 last weekend with over 500 macks caught there. Blackfishing is starting to take hold throughout the area. At the 28th Street wreck, Jack Doherty, of Inwood, bagged 84 blackfish. Blacks up to 7 lbs. filled Jack's fish box to the brim. Blackfish action is also located along rock jetties and bridge areas. Flounder fishing is still holding strong at the Inlet. Action was steady there last week, with flounders up to 1½ lbs. being caught along Buoys, 4, 8and 10. Flounder fishing along inland bay and channel areas has slowed down to a moderate pick.

There were three fluke caught last weekend by anglers flounder fishing. The first fluke of the season was caught by Bill Wojtusiak, of Rego Park, while he was fishing by the Cedarhurst Yacht Club last Friday. Bill's fluke weighed in at 1½ lbs. Michael Keller, of West Hempstead, boated the second fluke of the season while he was fishing with his father Al along the beach at the east side of East Rockaway Inlet. The third fluke of the young season was caught by Bill Wojtusiak, again at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club last Saturday. As each day goes by, more and more weakfish are being caught. Sea robins (B. 59) are in. Striper fishing remains far off last year's pace, as the only action around consists of shorts.

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JAMAICA BAY

John Brando of Cross Bay Rod & Gun reported that flounder fishing for Jamaica Bay is slowly reaching its end. Action was poor last weekend. Even at Silver Hole the flounder fishing was quite poor. Boats fishing there had to move quite often for a pick of fish. Small blackfish are now located at the Marine Parkway Bridge and Rockaway Jetty. Other action can be located along stone piles, piers and rock jetties. There is plenty of striper action throughout Jamaica Bay, however, most of the fish caught are shorts. Larger bass are expected to show shortly. Remember that bass under 16" long should be thrown back. A few weakfish are starting to show at the Marine Parkway Bridge.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

It's still mackerel for Sheepshead Bay anglers, simply bags full. After last week's storm, the mackerel that were offshore moved inshore and are now located between Rockaway Jetty, Ambrose Tower and East Rockaway. Mackerel can be easily found along these areas. The way things look, they should be located there this coming weekend. Last Friday and Saturday, boats simply loaded up on mackerel. While walking along the piers of Sheepshead Bay, you knew when party boats were returning to port, as their horns blew loud and strong. I noticed that most anglers had three problems to cope with, problems that they didn't have before they started the days fishing. They were tired, patched up band aids, and had aching backs from carrying their fish off the boat. The captains throughout Sheepshead Bay feel that the present mackerel fishing should last until the end of the month. It will end sooner if the bluefish arrive offshore. Last year the first bluefish catches offshore were made on May 24th.

Locally, blackfish are now at Rockaway Jetty, bridges and local wrecks. In general, blackfishing has been good. The blacks are averaging 1 to 2½ lbs. Flounder fishing was poor last week as anglers had to move often to find action. At Rockaway Jetty, mackerel and herring are abundant. At tide changes, they can be easily located by bird activity. Bass are also located at the jetty. Last week, small bass were caught there on bucktails, jigs, worm baits and mackerel strips. This action is just getting started. Larger bass are expected there within the next two weeks.

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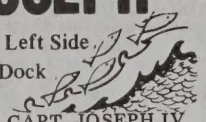

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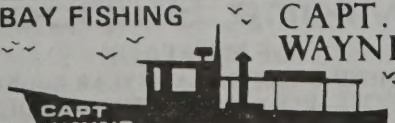

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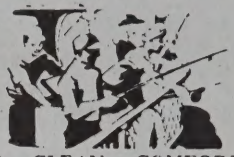

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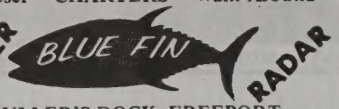

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that stripers, mostly shorts, and eels are mixed at Great Kills Park. Action is steady there. Upon hooking a fish, anglers have to guess whether it has stripes or they're eel bound. Bass are active from Tottenville to the Verrazano Bridge, however, most are shorts and keepers are few and far between. Larger bass should be available by the end of the month.

Flounder fishing is reaching its end for the season. Last weekend, flounder fishing was poor and action was picky. At the Old Home dock, an old cement pier, blackfish up to 3½ lbs. are now active. Other blackfish action can be located along bridges, piers and rock jetties. Tomcod are still plentiful between the New York Ferry Terminal and the Verrazano Bridge.

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SANDY HOOK

Art Giglio of Giglio's Bait & Tackle reported that stripers from 2 to 16 lbs. have now moved in along beach areas and the Shrewsbury River. Action there has been good so far, as boats drifting worm baits are doing a fine job. There are still plenty of shorts mixed in. Sandy Hook and the rip has loads of bunkers and herring showing. It looks like bass fishing should take hold at the Hook this coming weekend.

Ling and whiting are mixed at Elberon. Blackfish are now active at the Shrewsbury Rocks and rock jetties along beach areas and at most all wrecks. The weakfishing is getting better and flounder fishing is holding strong.

Party boats from the Highlands and the Atlantic Highlands are still doing a job on mackerel at Ambrose Tower. Anglers are simply catching bags full of mackerel. At the Scotland Buoy, Ambrose Tower and Scallop Ridge, these same boats are also doing a fine job on whiting. Whiting up to 2 lbs. are being caught along with mackerel on jigs and baits.

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SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn, of the "Miss Belmar," reported that mackerel fishing remains excellent just outside of the Shark River Bell Buoy. On each trip there, boats are loading up on fish. Along the same area, both whiting and line are also

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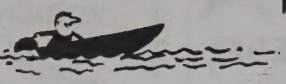

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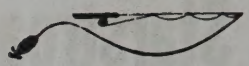

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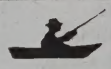

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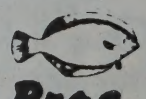

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Henry Winter and friends with 200 flounders which they caught at Buoy 27 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of the Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.

Ricky Nebal and friends with 55 flounders which they caught north of Buoy 29 in Nicholl's Bay. Photo courtesy of the South Bay Fishing Station.

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CONNECTICUT SCENE By DICK ALLEY

Has Moby Dick invaded Long Island Sound? I served on a panel at the Saltwater Fishing Clinic of the Southern Fish & Game Association last Wednesday night, and somebody in the audience asked about the white whale seen in Westchester waters. This was the first time I'd heard of it. Next day, I spoke with Mike Prescott, an angler who's seen the fish himself, this time in Westport waters. Mike, who's a Westporter, had been fishing with Ronald Bordenko, a Danburian, between one and two miles south of Can 24. They hadn't had much luck with the mackerel, when suddenly about 150 ft. from the boat, a white object bobbed up, then submerged again. They paddled even closer, and the fish came up again. The way Mike describes it, the part showing was about 15 feet long and three feet high, but no head, fins or tail showed, indicating the part of the fish under the surface was much larger yet. It rolled several times, apparently feeding on the mackerel, then disappeared. Mike has lived and fished on Long Island Sound for close to twenty years.

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BRIDGEPORT

Bob Costu and Phil Marazita picked up a hundred mackerel at Buoy 24C, reports Ted Ferrante at Marine Sports in Bridgeport. A few nice blacks are coming in, and stripers, though small, are a fairly steady affair at St. Mary's By The Sea. Flounder are a little slow.

At Bob's Bait, Roy tells of a few bass to 5 lbs., several good blacks in the five and six pound range. Mackerel fishermen doing better on the small Hopkins than the jigs here.

At the Sportsmans Den, Stowie tells of Bob McBirnie, who showed 'em all at an outing last Sunday, by bringing in a nice catch of Bostons, which he took just west of Middleground.

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MAMARONECK

Mackerel spotty down this way, so I promised to send Fred down a few. Blacks are respectable here, and Fred is stocking fiddlers. Flounder are still excellent.

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RYE

Charlie Ferris tells of a few mackerel and bass over the weekend. They're still hitting in mid-Sound off the American Yacht Club. Blacks are beginning.

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GREENWICH

Lots of stripers in Greenwich waters, on a catch 10-keep 1 basis, says Doug Van Wynen at the Sportsmans Den. Some are weighing in at eight pounds. A 38 pound bass was taken in the cows, and witnessed, but the angler prefers to remain anonymous. Flounder and tomcod are tops on the bottom, with tomcod way up in the river and biting like crazy.

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WESTPORT

Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop tells of Jim Hunter nailing 56 macks at Can 1, and Don Vogel hitting them in mid-Sound, and tallying 50 with a single jig. Bass seemed to have slowed a bit, but blacks are coming in strong, with some nice catches at both Compo Beach and Bedfords Point. Flounder are still the best in a decade, with daily catches of bragging-size two pound flounder at the areas of Cockenoe Island, Seymours Rock, Sprite Island and Saugatuck shores.

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ROWAYTON

Bert is so durn busy he hardly gets a chance to fish, but pals Lloyd Davis and Fred Ernstmeyer tallied 48 mackerel drifting from Buoy 23 to Collanders Pt., and all with light tackle. Flounder are still showing, and blacks are beginning.

At Hickory Bluff Store, Bill Valentine tells of some good mackerel fishing, and some fine flounder fishing in the Norwalk Islands. Some bass are starting, with a six pounder the largest so far. Sheffield and Tavern Islands are favored at this time.

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NEW HAVEN

Frank Rea at Outdoor Sports tells us there are plenty of blacks up New Haven way, specifically off the 3 breakwaters near the Woodmont wall. Largest so far is a whopping 11 pounds. School bass are plentiful off the West Haven beaches. Mackerel fishing is spotty with Ray Stopka hitting the best catch of the week, 37 torpedoes in a morning.

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PARTY BOATS

Capt. John Minnitti, skipper of the "Dolphin," out of Greenwich, tells of a mackerel bonanza, with customers loading up by the hundreds. It should be great for a while, and the way blacks are improving daily, there's plenty of fish for all.

Skipper Ed Brower, who pilots the "Dolphin" out of Bridgeport, had some good days with both blacks and flounder and some mackerel.

Tom Duscio, who takes the "Theresa L" out of Norwalk daily, called to tell of some great blackfishing in his territory.

A couple of Bronx men shared the pool with six pound blacks, and there was enough flounder and mackerel to make the day interesting.

Capt. Steve Basil, skipper of the "Capt. Bob," (and three other boats depending on the type of fishing desired) out of Pisces Charter Inc., Centerbrook, Connecticut, also has been hitting the mackerel really well. Unique to the Capt Bob is its first mate, Hope Bard, a pretty young lady who has become so enthused with fishing that she's getting ready to take her test for a captains license herself.

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I used to be one myself until I ound it was cheaper to buy them in a estaurant, but too often, the lobster men vho do it as a hobby forget the problems ots can cause when fished in a popular portfishing area. The only thing more ggravating to an angler than losing a lure n a lobster pot is losing a big fish on ne. Chances are you did some sport- ishing yourself at one time or another. Give the angler a break. Set your pots n the deep water.

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NORWALK

Happy Birthday Dave Mola! What better way to celebrate it than to catch a 17 pound striper, his first, while fishing in the Saugatuck shores, Sprite Island area. It was caught on an artificial, but we're not sure just which one. He and cousin Bruce also accounted for another half-dozen.

Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle: Vin was raving about the current flounder situation. Doc Franss did it again. Teaming up with Angelo Rubino and Moe Epstein, they collected 85 beautiful flats near Cockenoe Island, all over a pound. Jerry DeRosa has been averaging about 40 mackerel a day jigging, while Jack Maluckie and Doug Raymond have hit it big using the small Hopkins for the Boston battlers.

At Four Winds, Harold Svec had just come in for more bait, and was in a rush to get back to the Calf Pasture Fishing Pier. He was looking for another two pound flounder to match the one he cuaght the day before, or he could have been hoping for one of those school bass that have been surprising flounder fishermen fairly regularly at this spot.

Here we are with fine flounder, many mackerel, and barrels of blacks, and we hear a report of bluefish off Atlantic City already. I think I'll finish off this column, pack the camping gear and head for what just may be my final trout fishing trip of the season.

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N.Y. Bight

being caught. Night fishing for whiting and ling during the late afternoon and after dusk is still holding strong.

Stripers of some size are starting to make their presence known along beach areas and inlets. Bass fishing should take hold by this weekend. Fires are starting to show along beach areas as surf fishermen are starting their pre-dawn antics for stripers. Blackfish are now active along wrecks, bridges and rock jetties. Thus far, blackfishing has been moderate, the same applies to the weakfishing.

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MANASQUAN

Capt. Howard Bogan of the "Jamaica" of Brielle reported that mackerel (all the mackerel you want) are located just outside of the Manasquan Inlet (anywhere from 1 to 2 miles outside the inlet). At Barnegat, mackerel are still plentiful, and it looks like the mackerel run will last until the bluefish arrive. On May 24th, the Jamaica will start tile fishing again at the Hudson Canyon. There are openings available for scheduled tile fishing trips.

Harry Conrade of Gate's Bait & Tackle reported that bass are now acitve between Point Pleasant and Manasquan. The surf is beginning to come alive with a mixture of shorts and keepers. At the inlet, surf and the Manasquan Canal, larger bass are expected shortly. Weakfish are being caught more and more. Presently, most of the weakfish caught were taken by anglers that were mackerel fishing off the beaches on jigs. Blowfish have moved into this area. Mackerel have vacated the Cape May area as blues are now active there. Flounder fishing is holding strong throughout the Manasquan area.

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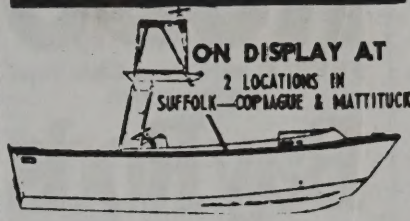
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Thur.	1:11	1:21
Fri.	2:09	2:17
Sat.	3:03	3:13
Sun.	3:58	4:10
Mon.	4:50	5:05
Tues.	5:05	5:41
Wed.	5:56	6:22
Thur.	6:41	7:05

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
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FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	4:17	5:12
Fri.	5:31	6:17
Sat.	6:39	7:16
Sun.	7:44	8:14
Mon.	8:39	9:03
Tues.	9:31	9:46
Wed.	10:16	10:29
Thur.	11:01	11:37

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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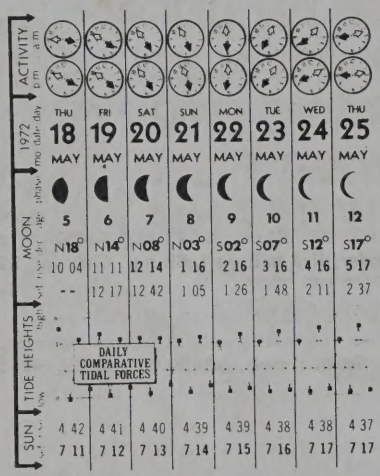

STANDARD TIME: Bold Face is P.M.; Light Face is A.M.

The Moon in May

Farthest South -May 1, 10:00 p.m.
Last Quarter-May 6, 7:26 a.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 8, 8:00 p.m.
Moon in Perigee-May 12, 11:59 a.m.
New Moon-May 12, 11:08 p.m.
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First Quarter-May 19, 8:16 p.m.
Moon on the Equator-May 21, 2:00 p.m.
Moon in Apogee-May 25, 10:00 a.m.
Full Moon-May 27, 11:28 p.m.
Farthest South -May 29, 3:00 a.m.

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TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	3:57	4:35
Fri.	4:56	5:34
Sat.	5:55	6:31
Sun.	6:56	7:26
Mon.	7:52	8:15
Tues.	8:45	9:04
Wed.	9:36	9:48
Thur.	10:17	10:28

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	2:01	2:50
Fri.	3:05	3:56
Sat.	4:14	4:58
Sun.	5:19	5:51
Mon.	6:19	6:42
Tues.	7:08	7:25
Wed.	7:51	8:04
Thur.	8:32	8:37

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
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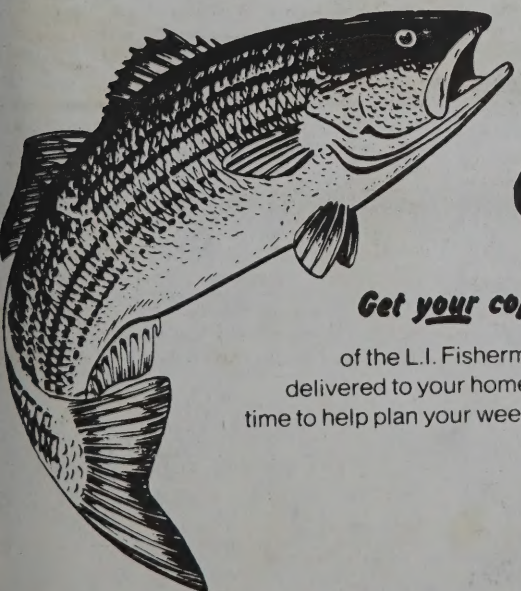

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